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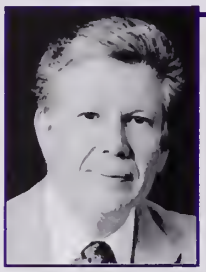

Dr. Randall J. Webb, President
Northwestern State University

Dear Alumni:

In addition to Northwestern's educational mission, the university also has other important roles including that of public service. A university must do more than educate. It must also be involved in economic development and in other ways to improve the quality of life in the area it serves.

Northwestern has a number of programs and services which assist people throughout the country.

The University hosts the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, a unit of the National Park Service. The National Center is an interdisciplinary effort by the National Park Service to enhance the art, craft and science of preservation and conservation.

Northwestern is also home to the Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts. The Louisiana School was one of the first schools of its kind in the country and provides outstanding educational opportunities for many of this state's brightest young people. This school has a solid record of achievement and benefits from being on our campus.

The University serves Natchitoches and surrounding communities through innovative programs to encourage economic development. NSU has an active Small Business Development Center. The SBDC helps business owners through counseling and seminars designed to help them make their businesses more successful.

Northwestern also works with local business and industry including Alliance Compressors and ConAgra to provide training and classes that can help their workers gain knowledge and become more productive. The University has also developed an effective job training and welfare-to-work program that has made a positive difference in the lives of those who have taken advantage of this opportunity.

Students at Northwestern also take an active role in the community by organizing food drives during the holidays and blood drives throughout the year. Faculty and staff volunteer their time serving in local civic clubs and charities that improve the communities we serve.

I know many of you are active in your communities. I appreciate what you do to help others in the place you live and all you do to assist Northwestern.

Chris Maggio, Director
Alumni Affairs

Fellow Northwestern Graduates and Friends:

As we move into the springtime, your Alumni Association will continue to stay active and busy promoting your alma mater. We will host several events throughout the state and region including receptions, dinners, crawfish boils, and several reunions.

I am proud to say that it has been 10 years since the first class graduated from the Louisiana Scholars' College at NSU. To celebrate this occasion, the inaugural graduating class (Class of '91) will host a reunion on June 2 and 3 in Natchitoches. For over a decade now, the Scholars' College has attracted bright, intellectually curious students to the University and has produced a highly successful group of alumni. So, it is with much anticipation that we welcome back these distinguished alumni.

Another major highlight of the semester for the alumni office is the "Golden Jubilee Weekend." In conjunction with the spring commencement ceremonies, we will honor the class of 1951. We expect nearly 100 graduates to come back "home" to celebrate their anniversary along with the 600+ spring 2001 graduates who will become one of the nearly 80,000 graduates of Louisiana State Normal School, Northwestern State College, and now Northwestern State University.

We will again host receptions in the homes of our alumni recognizing prospective students and their parents. These recognition receptions have proved to be extremely popular over the past few years and have paid tremendous dividends in attracting top quality students to Northwestern. I, again, want to thank all of our alumni who have opened up their homes for these regional receptions!

Finally, thanks to all of you for your continued support of your alma mater, whether it be a gift to our annual fund drive, a phone call to a potential Northwestern student, a positive comment about the university, or getting involved in alumni activities, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

I look forward to working with and for each of you!

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ROTC program gaining status among nation's best

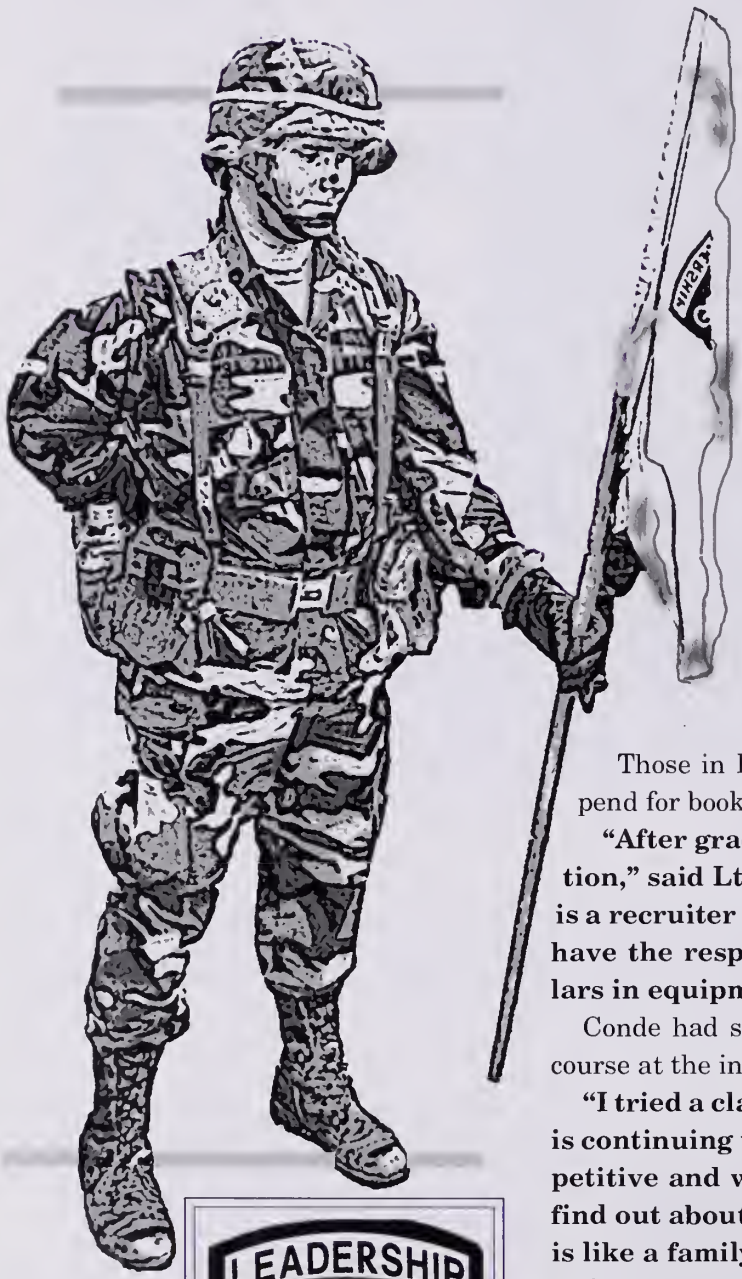
Northwestern State's senior ROTC program has always strived for excellence. That quest is beginning to gain attention. The program recently gained a ranking among the top 20 percent of programs throughout the country.

In the latest results, NSU placed at number 53 out of 270 senior ROTC programs at U.S. colleges and universities. The rankings are based on historical and projected future success in program enrollment and commissioning officers into the Army.

This year, 92 cadets are in the program and projections indicate that number should continue to increase as applications for four-year scholarships have more than quadrupled.

"Our success has in no small part been the result of an excellent training program coupled with the university's diverse and rigorous academic offerings. That makes an unbeatable combination," said Lt. Col. Claton Chandler, the ROTC commander. "Our cadets are challenged both physically and mentally which generates individual success, satisfaction, and excitement to be a student at Northwestern and member of NSU's Demon Battalion."

Another reason for the recent success is an aggressive recruiting drive that extends into area high schools and nearby Fort Polk. About half of the corps of cadets are taking advantage of the "Green to Gold" program that allows former enlisted personnel to go through ROTC and gain a commission as an officer.



"I really love the army and with the shortage of officers, there is an opportunity for me," said Klara Wright of Fort Polk, who is a psychology major. "This program provides everything you need to be a good leader. It integrates planning, loyalty and ethics."

Wright is a native of the Czech Republic. She was on active duty for six years and has been in the reserves for three years. Her husband is on active duty at Fort Polk.

"The program is challenging, but we have outstanding leadership," said Wright. "The personnel are not just instructors but serve as mentors to assist you."

Northwestern has had a military science program since 1950 and has produced a number of leaders who have gone on to distinguished military careers.

"I was attracted to NSU because of its reputation. They prepare their students well and send them on to advanced camp," said Jason James, a junior general studies major from Longview, Texas. "We take two classes per week in addition to a lab. When it is time to go out into the field, we are ready."

Military science courses teach leadership and management along with skills such as map reading, navigation, communications and tactics. Students in any major can take military science courses. Those planning a career in either the Army or National Guard must make a commitment by their junior year.

Those in ROTC can receive a scholarship that covers tuition, a stipend for books and additional assistance that increases each year.

"After graduation, you are able to start in a management position," said Lt. John Conde, a recent Northwestern graduate, who is a recruiter for the program but will soon go on active duty. "You have the responsibility of overseeing people and millions of dollars in equipment."

Conde had served in the National Guard and took a military science course at the insistence of a friend.

"I tried a class and I liked it," said Conde. "This is a program that is continuing to improve. We are getting cadets who are more competitive and we will get bigger and better classes as more people find out about it. There is a desire to excel and a camaraderie that is like a family."

Chandler says a strong ROTC program benefits Northwestern in many ways.

"The cadets in our program are more self-confident and have better interpersonal skills than the average student," he said. "The emphasis on leadership allows the cadets to solve large complex problems and that breeds success."

For more information on NSU's military science program, call (318) 357-5157 or go to www.nsula.edu/military. III

Alumni find unique ways to support NSU

Northwestern graduates think back on their college years fondly, and remember hoping that the fun would never end. Many have found ways to extend the fun by staying active with the university as an alumnus.

Chris Maggio, director of Alumni Affairs, sees the benefits that active alumni have for the university as well as themselves.

"The most rewarding part of my job is to see the number of Northwestern alumni that have a genuine love for our university, are proud to be associated with NSU, want to share it with others and want to help in any way possible," said Maggio. "Every person is important. Some people choose to get involved by giving financially, others help by giving of time or references."

Many of the alumni have found unique ways to contribute to the university. Not only will you see these people at every event, but many work behind the scenes to support their fellow alumni, the students, and NSU.

Two of these people are the friendly faces who always greet fellow alumni with a welcoming smile at the tailgate parties during football season. David Stamey '82 and Jerry Brungart '71 help by barbecuing and serving up good food at the alumni tent.

"It gives those alumni who don't get back to Natchitoches often a welcoming feel from other alumni," said Stamey.

Stamey also works with the baseball team by raising funds and helping with tournaments.

"We try to make the current students feel like they are part of the community and make their NSU experience a better one," said Stamey.

Stamey, who is a realtor in Natchitoches, also feels that the university and the local alumni have a give and take relationship. When he is showing property to new residents, NSU is an important feature.

"NSU is the best thing to sell them on because it is very inclusive of the area residents," said Stamey. "Alumni can support NSU by being at the events. Go to the football games, the symphony and the theatre. Money is important, that's where it's got to start. But for it to be important it's got to go beyond that and for you to be involved."

Brungart is also a member of the Student Marketing and Recruiting Team (SMART). Participating this way gives him a chance to help recruit students.

"I feel that NSU gave so much to me, so it is befitting that I give back," said Brungart. "Plus, it is a lot of fun."

He encourages other alumni to become active as well.

"Get involved. We're spread throughout the south and even the nation," said Brungart. Wherever there is a cluster of alumni, start a chapter. It is a way to promote camaraderie, besides helping to recruit students."

Melba Steeg has a long history of support through being an active alumna. Steeg has been an active supporter of Northwestern since her graduation in 1944. She has served on the NSU Foundation Board and was inducted in the NSU Hall of Distinction, the Long Purple Line.

Steeg still finds ways to contribute to Northwestern and its alumni by planning New Orleans events and helping raise funds.

"It is very important for alumni to think about the university and its needs," said Steeg. "As soon as I got a job and had resources of my own, I sent in a contribution each year to the university. When I served on the Foundation Board, I found out how much the alumni are needed to support the university."

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Tommy Chester '67 also remains active after serving as the president of the Alumni Board of Directors for 10 years. He still serves on the foundation board and Athletic Association Board and hosts alumni parties at his home in Arcadia. He is constantly recruiting students from the area.

"I think it is imperative to give back to something that was a very important part of my life in the early years. Even now, I never call and ask for help and not get it," said Chester. "I just have this strong feeling of loyalty. I don't back off my allegiance to NSU."

Chester feels that alumni can support the university through a variety of ways.

"Even if money is not a factor people can get involved. The alumni association is a great place to start, " said Chester. "Talk about our university. It's a great way to promote it."

Rose Long '69 and her husband Gerald Long '66 can be seen supporting the university by attending most athletic events. They are an important part of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. They not only minister to the students, they also support them throughout their college careers. The Longs also open their home to cook and entertain many of the athletic teams and coaches

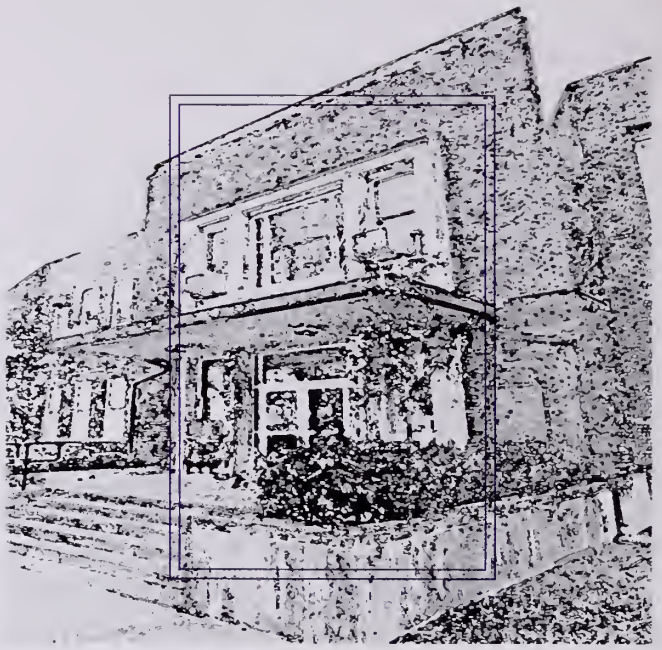
"Because we minister to them, we want them to know that we support them in everything that they do, said Mrs. Long. "It is important to let the coaches know that they are important, too."

Dan Chase '57 assists the university by hosting recruiting receptions in his home in Baton Rouge. He knows that when students see first-hand what NSU has helped people accomplish, an excitement for the university is created.

"It is more personal to have the receptions in a home when it is decorated in NSU memorabilia, said Chase. "My home shows the success that I have had. That success is because of NSU."

Chase's eagerness to help comes from his love for the university and what it means to him. He encourages all alumni to participate in local activities and reap the benefits of volunteering for their alma mater.

"There are so many things that would be difficult for the university if it weren't for the volunteers. People need to get involved, not only from the university's standpoint, but for what it does for them," said Chase. "For an old guy like me, it makes me feel a little younger." Ill



Several campus buildings to get a new look after renovation

Northwestern State University will soon see the results of renovations of four campus buildings. The university is in the process of refurbishing the Lee H. Nelson Hall, the Intramural Center, Morrison Hall, and the Family and Consumer Sciences buildings.

According to Loren Lindsey, NSU's Physical Plant director, the Lee H. Nelson Hall, formerly the women's gymnasium, will be better than planned. He expects the building to be ready in early April.

"We've got pretty good construction bids, so we've added some things that we had cut out of the plans," said Lindsey.

The women's gymnasium, the oldest building on campus, is to become the home of the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training. Renovations were halted in November 1997 when a fire damaged the interior and destroyed the roof of the building.

The Intramural Center will also see some renovations in the near future. According to Lindsey, the university will add 40,000 square feet to encompass the already existing 42,000 square feet.

The renovated building will include two regulation-sized basketball courts, two regulation-sized racquetball courts, a multipurpose room, new locker rooms and offices. There will also be two weight rooms, one with free weights and one with circuit machines, as well as a cardiovascular theatre room, with six TV stations.

A walking/jogging track will encircle the ground floor. Mark Deshotel, director of recreational sports, hopes that this will give exercisers an alternative place to work out at night or when the weather is not permissive.

"I see a lot of people walking and running at night," said Deshotel. "This will give them a safe place to be."

Deshotel feels that the newly renovated center will greatly add to the campus. Several new programs, such as a wellness program, will be implemented since the facility will be able to provide adequate space. The 2700 square foot aerobics room will include an inlet for spin cycles and classes. Yoga sessions will be scheduled in the room as well.

"The two biggest improvements are going to be the variety of things to offer and the wellness program," said Deshotel. " I am hoping that it will increase healthier lifestyles on campus."

Membership will extend passed students and employees of the university. Alumni who are members of the Alumni Association, will also be allowed to utilize the facility.

Two classroom buildings, Morrison Hall, which houses the Louisiana's Scholars' College, and the Family and Consumer Sciences building will also be renovated. The main focus is to bring the buildings up to date as well as install new elevators to make the buildings compliant with ADA standards.

Renovations of the Family and Consumer Sciences building will include technology-oriented classrooms, a student lounge, a merchandising lab, and a small commercial kitchen with commercial equipment.

"It will be a total update," said Patricia Pierson, head of Family and Consumer Sciences. "Yet we will be able to maintain the atmosphere and warmth that we've always had."

Pierson believes that while renovating the existing building, maximizing the current square footage will make the building more functional.

"It will be geared to technology that we have today, and that is a positive thing, said Pierson. "It will also be a great recruiting tool."

Morrison Hall will be more welcoming since better entryways are in the renovation plans. The main purpose for the renovations is to change the features of the building so that it will better facilitate the students and faculty.

"It already has wonderful features, so it feels like home already, but we are happy that it will be updated," said Margaret Cochran, director of the Louisiana Scholars' College, which currently resides in the building.

Classrooms will be configured differently so that the students will be closer to the teachers. Also, the computer labs and the foreign language labs will be larger. Faculty suites will consist of bigger offices and less wasted space.

Construction of the buildings is expected to begin this summer. During the renovation period, both the Scholars' College and Family and Consumer Science will be relocated to South Hall.III

More than 100 former players, coaches, trainers, and others associated with the Demon and Lady Demon basketball programs attended the recent basketball reunion. Those attending saw old friends, went to a luncheon and saw the Lady Demons and Demons defeat Southeastern Louisiana. Another reunion is planned for next year.

Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity has a new, visible presence near the NSU campus. The fraternity recently purchased a house for its members on College Ave. across the street from the Northwestern campus.

The house was obtained through the efforts of Pi Kappa Phi Alumni who have taken an active, supportive role in helping the chapter at NSU prosper. During last fall's Homecoming, the charter meeting of the Pi Kappa Phi Alumni Chapter took place. One of the first items of business for this group was to look into buying or building a house. While most expected that this was going to be a rather lengthy process, just two months later the newly formed Pi Kapp Housing Corporation was in the final stages of closing a deal that resulted in the purchase of the house.

The new house boasts a large meeting/living room, game room, kitchen, dining area, and a utility room with a washer and dryer. Six active members are living in the house, occupying three bedrooms. The house is completely furnished with couches, tables, desks, beds, a computer, pool table and many other extras to make the active chapter feel right at home.

"Having a house is a tremendous benefit for our chapter," said Wes Breeden, the chapter's former president who is now warden. "We have a place to meet and spend time together. Our alumni have done an incredible job helping us put this together quickly."

Pi Kappa Phi alumni have donated money, labor or both in buying, remodeling, financing and furnishing the new chapter house which will be a gathering place for Homecoming as well as other University and fraternity activities. All Phi Kappa Nu and Pi Kappa Phi alumni are invited to drop by the house and meet the chapter members.

Pi Kappa Phi was recently rechartered at Northwestern after an absence from the campus of almost 20 years. Four students interested in starting a new fraternity that valued public service, scholarship and brotherhood did an exhaustive search of all possible national fraternities over several months and chose to bring Pi Kappa Phi back to the NSU campus. Since that time, the chapter has grown to more than 30 men. The new chapter has hosted several events that have been attended by many alumni whose membership in the fraternity dates back to its original chartering from the local Phi Kappa Nu fraternity founded in the 1920s to the present Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity chartered in 1956. III

C.L. Starnes scholarship established

One of the notable names in NSU athletic history has been honored with the establishment of an endowed scholarship to benefit Demon athletics. The C.L. Starnes Athletic Scholarship has been set up by a donation by members of the Starnes family.

Starnes, a 1942 graduate of Louisiana State Normal School, served in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific during World War II. After the war, he was a coach and teacher serving as principal and head football coach at Jackson (La.) High School. Starnes returned to Northwestern as director of housing and an instructor of health and physical education during the administration of Dr. Arnold Kilpatrick.

Starnes earned three varsity letters in football at Louisiana Normal and was an All-Louisiana Intercollegiate Athletic Association selection in football and basketball. He was an all-conference end in football for two years and made all-conference in basketball for his powerful rebounding. He also threw the javelin for the Demon track and field team.

He was a standout on the undefeated 1939 football team, one of two unbeaten teams in school history.

Starnes was elected to the Graduate 'N' Club Hall of Fame in 1972. He was an active member of the 'N' Club serving in leadership positions. Starnes and another football player, Jimmy Steen, hosted the annual Starnes & Steen's Golf Scramble for more than 20 years involving hundreds of former Demon lettermen and their families.

The scholarship is the 14th endowed scholarship set up to benefit Northwestern athletics. These endowed scholarships total more than $300,000. Endowed scholarships can be set up with a donation of $10,000.

Donations for the C.L. Starnes Athletic Scholarship are being accepted. For more information, contact the NSU Foundation at (318) 357-4414. III

Enrollment down slightly, but university in strong position for future

Enrollment for the spring semester at Northwestern State University is 8,593, according to Registrar Lillie Frazier Bell. Last spring's enrollment was 8,763.

The main factors in the slight enrollment decline were enforcement of financial aid requirements requiring students to make satisfactory academic progress toward a degree and the tightening of university fiscal policies affecting students who finished last semester without meeting financial obligations to the university.

"Our main purpose is to provide the best educational opportunities for our students, and one way to do that is promote tough academic standards," said NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb. "Our efforts to implement and enforce these standards are making Northwestern a stronger university that can meet the challenges of the future."

Webb said Northwestern is improving its student retention and had one of the largest commencement exercises in the university's history in December as 766 students earned degrees. Those are examples of the progress that NSU is making, he said.

Northwestern's academic programs are also gaining positive national attention, according to Webb. Thirty-one of 33 eligible academic programs have gained national accreditation. Webb says the university should achieve 100 percent accreditation of eligible programs this year.

In addition, Northwestern's president said efforts to create a "living/learning environment" on campus have helped improve student life. The university has worked to provide affordable, high-quality food service, to make technology accessible to students and to continually improve campus residence halls.

Enrollment on the Natchitoches campus is 5,522 students with 3,071 students taking classes at either Northwestern's branch campuses, off-campus sites or by electronic delivery. III

The Louisiana Scholars' College's inaugural class of 1991 will celebrate their 10-year mark by attending a reunion on the weekend of June 2-3.

All members of the graduating class as well as faculty and staff who worked with the members at LSC are invited.

Anyone interested in assisting in the planning efforts should contact Andrea Thomas Elmore via e-mail at ElmoreAT@aol.com. Rooms have been reserved at the Hampton Inn, and will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information contact Chris Maggio, director of Alumni Affairs at (888) 799-6486 or maggioc@alpha.nsula.edu.

Future astronauts welcome on Camp Discovery's "Mission to Mars"

It will soon be time for future astronauts and scientists to gather at Northwestern State University for Camp Discovery 2001, A Martian Odyssey.

The Space Science Group implemented Camp Discovery, which is in its tenth year, at Northwestern State University to instill an enthusiasm for science in middle school and high school students.

Dr., Austin Temple, Northwestern's dean of the College of Science and Technology, accredits the longevity of Camp Discovery to its unique programming.

"Camp Discovery has been a staying institution and has staying power because it has something unique that parents and campers appreciate," Temple said. "They learn science in the most practical way, through hands-on experience.

Camp Discovery's curriculum is built around a simulated space mission, which is conducted in the space shuttle, space station and mission control simulators located at NSU.

There is a different simulated mission each year. Along with a new mission, the students conduct different scientific investigations during their other activities.

This summer, campers will be taken on a Martian odyssey, on which they will travel to a Martian base, launch a rover, and investigate the results of a meteorite that has hit the red planet. Each squadron will write and perform parts of the mission, making it unique for each group.

Camp Discovery's Martian Odyssey is based on facts about Mars and microgravity gathered by NASA over the past 40 years. NASA video is combined with authentic dialog and movements to enhance the realistic nature of the mission events.

There will be five sessions of Camp Discovery this summer. Basic camp is for students age 10 –14. Dates for basic camps are June 17-21, June 24-28, and July 15-19. The high school session, for 9-12 grade students, is July 8-12. The dates for First Camp are July 5-7.

For more information about Camp Discovery, call the Space Sciences Group at (318) 357-5186 or (800) 259-9555 or via e-mail at ssg@nsula.edu. The Space Science group's Web address is www.spacesciencegroup.nsula.edu. III

Community Foundation makes grant to assist College of Nursing

The Community Foundation of Shreveport/Bossier has made a donation of $25,000 to the NSU Foundation's Nursing Support Fund.

The donation will be used to establish scholarships for students in nursing and radiologic technology. Both programs are offered at Northwestern State University's Nursing Education Center in Shreveport.

The scholarships will be awarded to students in the clinical sequence of the nursing and radiologic technology program. Preference will be given to students from Caddo and Bossier Parishes, but all NSU students will be eligible for the scholarships. Those interested in receiving the scholarships must complete an application. The College of Nursing Scholarship Committee will select the recipients.

Each scholarship will be for one academic year with half awarded in the fall and the remaining half presented in the spring. All recipients must meet established criteria and be in good academic standing.

The Community Foundation of Shreveport/Bossier is an organization founded in 1961. Its purpose is to accept contributions, create and administer funds and make grants for the benefit of the people of Caddo and Bossier Parishes. III

Class of 1951 Golden Jubilee planned

The Class of 1951 will soon gather at their alma mater to reminisce about the good times and rekindle friendships started at Northwestern. They are getting ready to reunite with old friends and classmates for the Golden Jubilee to commemorate the 50-year mark of receiving their diploma.

One of the greatest memories is the closeness of the students, due to the smaller classes sizes. "We had a great deal of camaraderie," said Dr. Thomas Hennigan, a member of the class of 1951, who went on to become a faculty member. "Everybody knew everybody."

Many of the graduates have not seen each other since they graduated.

"I can't wait to see all my old friends that I haven't seen in many years," said Faye Crump Brydels, who now lives in Baton Rouge.

The Golden Jubilee Celebration is held in conjunction with Northwestern's spring commencement exercises on May 4.

Members of the class will enjoy lunch, a bus tour of the city and campus, and a reception at the President's house honoring the classes of 1951 and 2001.

At 3 p.m. members of the class of 1951 will again make the commencement walk to receive their 50-year diplomas.

On Saturday, members of the Class of 1951 will be inducted in the "50-Plus Club", as part of the group's annual luncheon. The luncheon will be held in Vic's in the Friedman Student Union.

Northwestern State University's Alumni Association is looking to update the addresses for several members of the Class of 1951. Amy alumnus who knows how to get in touch with anyone appearing on the list of names below, should contact the Alumni Center at (318) 357-4144 of (888) 799-6484 with the information, or by e-mail at maggioc@alpha.nsula.edu.

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Nora Foucheaux Gauthier
Mary Jeanette George
Irene Finch Gordy
Milstead Lazime Grant
Aubrey T. Gray
Barbara Elaine Hall
Sam Alvin Harper, Jr.
Vivian Elaine Harris
Florence Meyers Heard
Jefferson Thomas Hennessy
Miller Ray Henderson
Mary Lou Hines
Myrtis Holliman
Teresa Hunt
Emelyn Marna Hynum
Kenneth A. Isgitt
Belle Jackson
Floyd W. Jackson, Jr.
Wilda Ann Jones
Johnnie Jordan
Andrew Lane Joyner
Louise Norsworthy Kelley
Joseph Thomas Kimbrell
Eleanor Hughes Lee
Mary Ellen LeFevre
E.F. "Smiley" Lounsberry
Mary Louise McBride
Paula Marie McDaniel
Wilma Rae McElveen
Dennis C. McMullan
Laura Lou Mahan
Bessie McCarty Martin
Harriet R. Martin
Angel D. Martinez del Valle
Elzer I. Marx
Melba Firmin Massey
James M. Miller
Don Arvel Mims
Anne Wilmoth Montgomery
Zinra D. Moorman
Edward Forest Moreau
Joyce Therese O'Brien
LeJune Oliver
Leola B. Orsborn
Dolores Dugas Parrott
Bernice Luttrell Phillips
Marie Weaver Powell
Marsene Bullock Powell
Averille Adair Rachal
Nelwyn Rains
Marjorie P. Rambin
Harold Bert Ramsey
Cornelius LaFonn Reid
Harold W. Rhodes
Julius J. Robichaux
Eulalie Marie Roge
Katherine Nell Rogers
Exie M. Royston
Roy G. Russell
Truitt C. Ryan
Elias Wesley Sandel
Elaine Holley Santisteban
Judith Maquar Schneider
Harry Y. Scroggins
Audrey Quave Shaw
Melvin H. Shaw
Dixie Silvers
Daniel D. Skinner
Amy Lou Smith
Graham Cleveland Smith
Ray Winford Smith
William A. Smith
Jean Lashley Snead
Janice Walton Sorbet
Carol Delany Stephens
LaVern Luther Stephens
Mary Frances Stokes
Jessie DeSoto Stroud
Willie Pearl Swilley
Marycarl Underwood
Thomas Charles Valentine
Dorothy Irene Vercher
Rene Villacorta
Reba H. Vincent
Vienna Isomaki Walters
George Elwood Ward, Jr.
Mildred Marjorie Wassan
Frankie Tyrale Watson
James Joseph Weaver
Vera Mai S. Weaver
James R. Webb
Florence Wilcox
Belle DeBose Williams
Cleora Laird Wilson
Perry Wilsson
Tommy C. Wimberly
Clara A. Winfree
Lillie Marie Norwood Yates
James E. Yule
Martha Lou Craft Zenter

1935

Kathryn Gates Duett is currently living in Oakdale. She is retired and has two children.

Ruth Williamson Welch is now a retired teacher of many years. She lives in Paris, Texas, and she has three children.

1936

Mr. & Mrs. William Leeman Woolley recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Oct. 20, 2000. They have two daughters, and they live in Whitehouse, Texas.

1940

Carrie Newell LaCour was a Freshman Commissioner and a Pi Kappa Sigma while she was at NSU. She now lives in Baton Rouge.

1941

James Graves Hundley is a retired FAA pilot and is now a flight inspector for the FAA. He is married to Juanita Watson Hundley, and they live in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Litha Davis Keator was married to Randall D. Keator (1939) who recently passed away. Litha lives in Shreveport..

1947

Edgar A. Robertson retired in 1982 from working in the lab as a chemist for Service Oil Company and Petroleum Chemical Plant. He now lives in Sulphur.

1949

Carl F. Quaintance is an internal auditor, CGFM, CFE, and CFSA for the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration. He lives in Little Rock, Ark., and he has one daughter and three grandchildren.

1950

Ann Keyes Lee has retired and is now living in Manakin-Sabot, Va. She is married and has three children.

1951

Curtis Leo Foshee has retired from I.B.M. He lives in Valdes, N.C. and has four children.

Clifford Sellers is a retired district landman for Pennzoil Company. He is married to Helen Melder Sellers (1950), and they have two children.

1952

Billie Ruth Greer Osborn had recently retired. She lives in Beaumont, Texas.

1956

Martha Fortson Bienvenu is a Librarian at St. Matthew Episcopal School. She is married to Carl Francis Bienvenu, and they have two children.

1957

Elton E. Broadwater is a retired plant manager for Reliance Electric Co. He is married and has three children and two grandchildren.

Philip Joseph Collins is a retired principal in the Lafourche Parish School System. He is married to Bennie LaGrone Collins (1957) who works in secretarial science. They live in Cutoff.

William Morgan was the head of the Department of Special Education for many years. He is now retired from Southeastern Louisiana University.

1959

Floyd Birdwell received his Masters Degree in 1970. He has retired as the audio visual coordinator for the Natchitoches Parish School Board. He is married to Louise Birdwell, and they have four children.

Frank J. Motycka is married to Audell Peavy Motycka (1953), and they have two children. Frank is retired and is currently living in Kingwood, Texas.

1961

Gerald David Deville is the owner of Deville Air Conditioning Inc. He lives in Alexandria.

Patsy Barnes Haley received a Bachelor of Science degree from NSU and has recently retired from Smith Kline Beecham. She is married to Jimmy R. Haley and they have five children.

1962

Elizabeth L. Hennigan Barfield is retiring from Texas Agriculture Extension Services as a Rains County Extension Agent. She lives in Emory, Texas.

Carroll Bradford is now a retired social studies teacher for Jane High School. Carroll lives in Devile and has two children.

1963

Doris Stratton Graham is the owner and president of Doris C. Graham S. S. Inc. He is married to Gene R. Graham, and they live in Pearl, Miss.

1964

Colleen M. Davis recently returned from London, England where she visited the St. Thomas Hospital and Guy's Hospital. Ms. Davis is an instructor in science and clinical specialties in Charity's School of Operating Room Technicians.

Richard Michael McConmie retired on Jan. 5th from Baker Hughes, Inc as their Vice-president of Marketing. Richard is married and living in Many.

1965

Sandra Brewer Jinkins is the president of Naztek, Inc. She is married to Ron Jinkins (1965) who is a Petroleum Geologist with Wilcox – Callon. They live in Natchez, Miss., and they have one child and one grandchild.

Charles Monroe Webb is self-employed as a dentist. He lives in San Angelo, Texas.

1967

Tommy G. Armstrong works for the Department of Risk Management for the Caddo Parish School Board. He owns and operates Armstrong Properties of La. with his wife, Ginger (Mulina '62). She retired in Dec. of 1998 from teaching in the public school system. They have three children and six grandchildren.

1968

Harry Kirk is the psychiatric assistant professor at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. Harry and his wife Phyllis live in Evergreen, Colo. They have four children.

Helen Dupre Schwartzenbury is a teacher for the Lafayette parish School Board. She lives in Opelousas and has three children.

Mickie Townsend is the director of volunteer services at the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Mickie is married to Robert Townsend (1968). Robert is the executive director at the United Methodist Committee on Relief. They have two children, Robert (1991) and Karen (1996).

Kenneth Volentine is a retired criminal investigator for the La. Department of Agriculture and Forestry. He is married to Carolyn Pullen Volentine, and they have five children.

1969

William L. Myers earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Health and Physical Education. Then a Master of Arts degree in 1970 from Ohio State University. He then taught and coached in several high schools in Louisiana for twenty-nine years. He retired in June of '99. He has written and published a book entitled *Honor the Warrior.*

1970

Adrienne Dunham Bernhard received her MS in Nursing Anesthesiology in 1988. She is now a certified registered nurse anesthetist, and she is working for Hancock Medical Center. She is married to Ronald Bernhard, and they have one child.

Donald Norwood is married to Lola Thompson Norwood, and they have one child. Donald is a revenue agent for the Internal Revenue Service.

Geneva Hogan O'Keith works in the LA. County Health Department in the HIV/AIDS unit. She has been married for 22 years. She has one daughter and four step- children.

Edward Willcut is the owner of Willcutt Welding and Machine. He is married to Brenda Akins Willcutt, and they have two children.

1971

Patricia O'Bryant is the program director at the Department of Veterans Affairs. She lives in Mitchells, Va.

Donna Crawford Shield received her Masters in Education on 1974. She is now the assistant director of the Criminal Justice Institute. She is married to Bill Shield, anfd they live in Bossier City.

Thomas R. Tynes is married to Linda Anderson Tynes (1970). They have four children and two grandchildren. Thomas is the paster for New Light Baptist Church in Monroe.

Howell Wright, Ed.D. is the chief of the Curriculum Development Institute. He is married to J'Ann Addison Wright, Ed.D. They have two children, and they live in Leawood, Kan.

1972

Sonny Newton Carter is the digital imaging specialist for the NSU Watson Library. He is married to Kathleen B. Carter, and they have four children.

Robert Winterrowd is a Fed-Ex pilot. He lives in Collierville, Tenn.

1973

Louis "Budd" Cloutier is the owner of Cloutier Eye Care. He is married to Vicki Odom Cloutier (1976), and they have four children.

Judith Rigdon Mondello is a substitute teacher at NSU Elementary Lab. Judith is married to Joseph Mondello III.

Kathryn Lum Todd graduated in '73 from NSU, and then she earned her Masters in Counseling from Texas A&M. She now works as a counselor in Houston. She has three children. One of Kathryn's daughters, Stephanie Lynn Todd, graduated in 2000.

1974

William W. Traylor Jr. is married to Denise V. Traylor (1975). William is a retired nurse anesthetist. He is now a member of Denham Springs Masonic Lodge.

1975

Noel Benoit Barnard is the president and CEO of HyPerformix, Inc., and Austin, Texas. He is married to Dana Barnard and has two stepdaughters.

Sharon Feaster Duty is a CSR at Merck – Medico. She is currently living in Henderson, Nev., and she has two children.

1976

Patrick W. Carlyon is a school teacher and technology coordinator for the Iberia Parish School Board. Patrick is married to Phyllis Colvin, and they have one child.

Vicki Odom Cloutier is partners with her husband, Louis Cloutier (1973), as administrator and owner of Cloutier Eye Care. They live in Houma with their four children.

Richard F. Karamatic is the chief operations officer for the Inoquest Communications. He is married to Susan Karamatic, and they have two children.

1978

Mary Daniel Myers received her Masters in Special Education in 1983. She is now a retired Bienville Parish teacher for Castor High School. She is married and has five children.

Alan J. Stone is the clinical director and president of the Center for Psychological and Family Services, Inc. He is married to Hilary Stone, and they live in Springfield, Mass.

1979

Amie Lois Clifford is the assistant director for the National College of District Attorneys. She lives in Columbia, S.C.

Angela Hebert Eligio is employed as a speech language pathologist with the Escambia School District. She is also a 4-H leader, and is involved in church activities.

Karen Hanchey Koelemay is a BSN, SM, and a CRNA for the NEA Anesthesiologists. She is married to Kevin Koelemay, and they have one child. They live in Jonesboro.

Gregg Waddell is the sales manager for Novo Nordisk Pharmaceuticals of Princeton, N.J. He lives with his wife, Lindsey Waddell, and their two children in Mandeville.

Lindsey Waddell Laurie is the administration assistant for Nvest Funds in Covington. She is married to Gregg Waddell, and they have two children.

1980

Martha Carpenter Bates received her Master's in Education in 1984. She is now a supervisor for the Winn Parish School Board. Martha is married to Gary Bates, and they have two children.

1981

Donna Elliot Hunt is the assistant chief nurse for the US Army in San Antonio, Texas. She is married to Stephen Hunt, and they have two children.

Cathy Newlin Moses is the table games floor supervisor for Grand Casino Avoyelles in Marksville. Cathy is married to Perry Moses, and they have one child.

1982

Janis Williams Christenson has recently retired. Janis lives in West Fork, Ark.

1983

Leslee Stump Evans received her Nursing Degree in '83, and then became a Family Nurse Practitioner in 1990. She is married and has two boys. They live in Alpharetta, Ga.

Kevin Wayne Lewis is the Buyer at Frymaster. He is married to Becky Smith Lewis, and they live in Marthaville.

1984

James Stewart Evans is a partner at Austin Infectious Disease Consultants in Austin, Texas. He is married to Debi Evans, and they have three children: Jennifer, Bill, and Hannah.

George Gipson is the president and chief guide of Could City Mountaineering, Inc. He lives in Leadville, Colo. with his wife Shannon. They have four children, Molly, Grant, Cain, and Wyatt.

Donna Moore received her ADN in 1984, and then she earned her BSN in 1998. She is now a raining specialist for Cyber Plus Corporation. She lives in Round Rock, Texas and has two children.

1985

Chuck Dupree was recently awarded the Coca-Cola Daily Advertiser All-Parish coach of the year award. He lives in Lafayette.

Belinda Slaughter Simmons teaches Family and Consumer Science at Hemphill I. S. D. She is married, and they have a ten year old son who is named Ty. They live in Hemphill, Texas.

Doris Salard Whatley received her Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education after earning her B.A. in '85. She lives in Natchitoches with her husband and four sons.

1986

Charlene Barton Cook lives in Lewisvile, Texas. She is married to Ron Cook, and they have two children, Nicole and Lauren. Charlene is the technical recruiter for Phoenix Solutions. She also serves as a School Board officer and as a member of the Youth Ministry Team for St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Anita Lodridge Dubois received her Bachelor Degree in '86 and then went on to receive her master's in 1999. She now works a homebound teacher and education specialists. She is employed with the Rapides Parish School Board and Volunteers of America.

1987

Leslie Gregory Gruesbeck earned her Masters degree from NSU in 1994. She works for Albert Associates Architects, and is married to Steven Gruesbeck (1997). They live in Hattiesburg, Miss.

Shavon Denise Sullivan is the minister of music for McDonald Memorial Baptist Church. She lives in Saline.

1988

Brian W. Nichols is the production supervisor or Conoco, Inc. He is married to Christy Irwin Nichols (1992), and they have two children.

1989

Susan Noel Sands is married to Doug Sands (1989). Susan is a stay at home mom with their three children. Doug is a dentist in Dunwoody, Ga. They live in Alpharetta, Ga.

Emily Salter Walker is teaching 8th grade English and reading at A.F. Smith Junior High. Emily is married to Joel Walker, and they have two children.

1990

William M. Bell Jr. is currently employed as the information systems manager for the Bossier City. William is married to Ann Hennigan (1992). Ann is pursuing her Masters of Nursing at NSU. They live in Bossier City, and they have two sons.

Tony A. Bombassi and Mona Hiestand Bombassi have three children. Tony is the director of Unum Provident, and Mona is a consultant at Unum Provident. They live in Hixon, Tenn.

Cecil Glenn Wood is a teacher and a coach at North Desoto High School in Stonewall. Cecil lives in Grand Cane.

1991

Andrea Thomas Elmore is married to Tod Elmore. She has been teaching elementary aged children for five years. Andrea and Tod live in McDonough, Ga.

Barbara Stacy Ferrier is currently living in North Little Rock with her two children. She owns a wholesale business.

1992

Scott G. Yarnell received his Associate Degree of General Studies in '92 and then went on to earn his Bachelor Degree in General Studies in 1999. He is now a graduate student at Southern University Law Center. He is married to Joann Viotor Yarnell, and they have two children.

1993

Elizabeth Beadle Haddlock is the marketing communications manager for March First. She is the head of all marketing efforts, public relations, and communications for the firm. She recently married Rick Haddock, and they live in Plano, Texas.

Jennifer Lee Kelly is a Dyslexia teacher for Ouachita Parish School System. She has two boys, and they live in West Monroe.

1994

Anthony William Finn is the Special Education teacher for 6, 7, and 8 grade. He is employed by Port Arthur Independent School District. Anthony, his wife, Elke Lorenz Finn, and their 2 children live in Port Arthur, Texas.

Anna Sepulvado Fletcher lives in Mansfield. She is currently a housewife expecting her first child in April.

Angela Nixon Kiser is currently teaching 2nd grade at Bethesda Elementary School in Durham She is married to Troy Kiser (1993). Troy is the director of marketing and business strategy at Peopleclick in Raleigh. They have two children, Michael and Jacob.

Laurie Coco Moreau is the senior accountant for the Bank of West Baton Rouge in Port All. She lives in Baton Rouge.

Elizabeth Mowad Perkins is a pharmaceutical representative for Ortho - McNeil Pharmaceuticals. She is married to Brandon Perkins, and they live in Tulsa, Okla.

1995

David Wayne Davault is the Sr. account executive for CMI Co- marketing. He is also the minister of music for the Kelham Baptist Church. He is married to Tiffany Palmer Davault (1996), and they have two children. The family lives in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Jason Graves is a teacher and a coach for LaSalle High School in Olla. He is married to the former Vanessa A. Foster of Pineville. They have one child, Laryn Elizabeth Graves who is three years old.

Rose Boudreaux Lu is a kindergarten teacher at St. Frances Cabrini School. Rose is married to Hung Van LU, and they have two children. Rose and her family live in Alexandria.

Jerry Mullins recently completed his first national print ad for Circuit City in USA Today and his first national commercial for K-Mart. He lives in Richmond, Va.

Kami Partridge Tucker was involved in the athletic training staff while at NSU. She is now a certified athletic trainer employed with River Valley Sports Medicine. She also works with Sparks Hospital. She is married to Curtis Tucker.

1996

Joseph Max Barnett is married to Courtney Schexnayder Barnett (1997), and they live in Des Moines, Iowa. Joseph works as a urology specialist for Merck Pharmaceuticals.

Jennifer Porche Brooks graduated from the Louisiana Scholars' College. She is now a calculus and physics teacher at Rockbridge County High School. She is married to Brian Brooks (1998). Jennifer and Brian live in Buena Vista, Va.

Melanie Williams Burford graduated in Elementary Education and is now an elementary school teacher. She is the mother to six month old twin boys. She is married to Robert Burford and they live in McKinney, Texas.

Kimberley Ann Curtis is a stay at home mom with her two children. She lives in San Antonio, Texas with her husband, Nathan.

Tiffany Palmer Davault is the social services specialist for Oklahoma County Parish High School. She is married to David Davault (1995), and they have two children.

Stacy Wibben Erwin has a degree in Elementary Education, and is currently teaching forth grade at Eden Gardens Elementary Magnet. She is married to Tom Erwin, and they live in Shreveport.

Mike Williams

Class of 1980

After more than six decades the Count Basie Orchestra is still going strong and NSU alumnus Mike Williams is helping make sure they still swing.

Williams, a 1980 graduate in music education, has been a member of the Count Basie Orchestra since 1987. He was a band director in Shreveport for three years and attended the University of North Texas before joining the Basie Band. Williams was also the lead trumpet with the Glenn Miller Band.

Constant travel is part of playing with a band. The Basie Orchestra travels approximately 30 weeks a year. Those travels have included performances in all 50 states and 34 countries.

"Since I was in high school, I wanted to play the horn and now I get to do what I wanted to," said Williams. "The band is very good musically. Some of the musicians have been in the band longer than I have so we are tight."

Williams has performed with many legendary performers including Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald, Tony Bennett, Joe Williams, Lena Horne and Dizzy Gillespie.

"At the beginning I was in awe of those people. It was an honor to play with them," said Williams. "But then it took me years to get over being in the band."

The Band was formed by Basie in 1935 in Kansas City and burst on to the scene in the late 1930's.

"The Basie Band was one of the first big bands that played 'easy swing.' Before they did it there was Fletcher Henderson and the Paul Whiteman Orchestra that was stiff compared to what Basie was doing," said Williams. "Basie set a standard that a lot of big bands followed."

Williams said playing Basie's music doesn't get boring to him or the band. Part of the reason is the response they get from audiences who know the music well.

"The bands that have been around for decades and people go to hear the tunes they heard when they were young," he said. "They bring back memories. People want to hear 'April in Paris' and 'Little Darlin.' If you get away from that people don't know why. It would be disrespectful to get tired of the music."

Williams was glad to get to work with faculty members in a program that allowed "me and my peers to get more personal attention."

He remembers faculty including J. Robert Smith, Richard Jennings, Wayne Crowder, Robert Price, Ed Roth along with Tony Smith and Richard Rose, who are current faculty.

"I learned to play from the best and was well prepared," said Williams.

The Shreveport-based Williams maintains close contacts with NSU and people in the Natchitoches community he met while in school. He recently played to a full house at Magale Recital Hall along with the NSU Jazz Orchestra. III

Jeane Erwin is the director of nurses for Highland Pines Nursing and Rehab. She lives in Gilmer, Texas, and she has two children.

Kevin Jones is currently working for Clover Technologies as a senior video systems engineer. He is married to Candi Jones, and they have two children, Elizabeth Clarice and Emily Lauren. The family lives in Broken Arrow, Okla.

Cheree' Kay Atkins is a 5th grade Math, Science, and Social Studies teacher at Pickering Elementary. She is married to Roger Atkins, and they have one child.

Brandi Brumley Skains currently works for Albert Garaudy Associates, Inc. which is an engineering firm. She is married and lives in Mandeville, AL.

Heath Slaughter is the division environmental supervisor for the North Carolina Department of Transportation. He is married to Anna Jordao Slaughter (1999), and they live in North Wilkesboro, N.C.

Cheryl Blalock Wheat is the senior materials management system coordinator for Intel Project. She is married to Jason Wheat, and they live in Cilbridge, Ireland.

1997

Courtney Schexnayder Barnett is married to Joseph Barnett who is a 1996 graduate of NSU. She is a homemaker, and they live in Des Moines, Iowa.

Shawn M. Baumgarten received a degree in General Studies in '97 and then earned a degree in Sports Administration in 1999. He has one child, and he lives in Natchitoches.

Joel Ferguson is a field service representative and Mud Engineer for Halliburton. He is married and has three children. Joel and his family live in Orange, Texas.

Holly Renee Garcie received a degree in Psychology in '97. She now works as a personnel research psychologist for the Office of Personnel Management. She lives in Silver Spring, Md.

Stephen Gauthier has a degree in Physics and Math. He is engaged to Theresa Maria Yousey who is a NSU of '88. Stephen lives in Madison, Ala.

Jane Cooley Hamiton earned a degree in Education Leadership in 1997. She is now a teacher at Merryville High School. She is married to James Hamilton, and she has one step-son.

Matthew William Mularoni is currently living in Bamberg, Germany. He is the Battalion Personnel for the 793d Military Police Battalion.

Ashley Dean Roe is a specialty leasing representative for Mall St. Vincent and Pierre Bossier Mall. She is married to David Roe, and they live in Bossier City.

Tracy Mitchell Young is a sales manager for the Grand Casino in Gulfport, Miss. She is married to Marty Young, and they live in Shreveport.

Devin J. Zito graduated with a degree in Computer Information Systems. He is now a work provider for Health Net Services. Devin lives in Baton Rouge.

1998

Lynee Dorene Anderson is currently working with an employment and training agency as a youth career counselor. She is also planning to start graduate school soon. Lynee resides in Kansas City.

Roger Atkins is a science teacher and coach at Leesville High School. He is married to Cheree' Kay Atkins (1996), and they have one child.

Allison M. Ayers earned her Bachelor degree in English from NSU. She works as a technical writer for PSINET Consulting Solutions. She now lives in Spring, Texas.

John Brennan has a degree in Music Education. He currently works as the percussion coordinator for Plano East Senior High School. He lives in Plano, Texas.

Brian Dale Brooks is married to Jennifer Porche Brooks (1996). Brian received his Bachelor Degree in Sociology from NSU and now is a second year law student at Washington and Lee University School of Law. Brian and Jennifer live in Buena Vista, Va.

Robert J. Candiloro is working for Goodwill Industries of Southeast Nebraska. He is a computer skills training coordinator and employment specialist. Robert resides in Lincoln, Neb.

Nikeo Kanem Collins works for the Natchitoches Police Department and is assigned to the Natchitoches Multijurisdictional Drug Task Force.

Andrea Marie Eaglin is the CSR and the CBB for the Chase Bank of Texas. She lives in Channelview, Texas.

Shana Parsons Fontenot is married to Douglas Fontenot (1998). They both attend University of Houston and are currently working towards their Master's Degrees in Marriage and Family Therapy.

Robert Matthew Gillen works at Deloitte & Touche in the Enterprise Risk Services Group. He recently moves to Houston after getting his MBA from LSU.

Melinda McCall Hennigan works for Willis Knighton Medical Center in Shreveport. She is married to Glenn Hennigan, and they have two children, Shelby and Hunter.

Michele McWilliams Manahan is the assistant director of nursing for Green Meadow Haven. She is married to Darrin Manahan and they have two children, Kelsey and Zachery.

Wende Dianne Coker Wilson works for the R. Lewis Jr. CPA firm. She is married to a NSU alumni, Ryan Wilson.

1999

Monica Adams Baumgarten received a degree in Elementary Education. She has one child, and they live in Natchitoches..

Gail Odette Henderson is currently enrolled in the PH.D. program at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. She is studying English with a concentration in Folklore Literature. She lives in Rosedale.

Anne Long is a social worker for Willis Knighton Medical Center in Shreveport. Anne lives in Grand Cane.

April Seegers Martinez has a Business Administration Degree and is currently the claims representative for the Social Security Administration. She is married to Chad Martinez. They live in Natchitoches.

Kelli Elizabeth Rivere is teaching at Hahnville High School in Boutte. She lives in Marrero.

Anna Jordao Slaughter is married to J. Heath Slaughter (1996), and they live in Wilkesboro, N.C. Anna is the computer programmer for Lowes Companies, Inc.

Thomas Francis Sullivan is the director of sports, fitness, and recreation for the Boy's and Girl's Club of Greater Dubuque. He lives in Dubuque, Iowa.

Cynthia Dorris Thames is currently a teller for Exchange Bank in Natchitoches. She is married to Monte Coy Thames, and they have one daughter named Rachel.

Will Vasquez, Jr. is currently a student in a Physician Assistant course. He is married and living in San Antonio, Texas.

2000

Gloria Jackson Billings is a paraprofessional for the Vernon Parish School Board. She is married to Bruce Billings, and they have four children. Gloria and her family live in Fort Polk.

Amber Rae Elmer is a registered radiologic technologist and radiation therapist for Arkansas Children's Hospital. She also works for Central Arkansas Radiation Therapy Institute. She lives in Little Rock, Ark.

Chad Everett Franklin is married to Kelly Cobb Franklin (1999). Chad is the service manager for Fed Ex Ground. Chad and his wife live in Alexandria.

David Long is an aerial patrol pilot. He is currently employed with A.J. Aviation, Inc. in Crowley, La. He lives in Jena.

Ryan Reed is a registered nurse in the ICU for Willis Knighten. He lives in Shreveport.

In Memory

'20—Ruby Oakes Stoker —Haynesville, La. Nov. 12, 2000

'34—Alma Flournoy Rountill — Valrico, Fl. Aug. 17, 2000

'34—Clarence Tullos — Laurel, Miss. Dec. 2, 2000

'36—Annie L. Scott — Keithville, La

'37—Hylma Ford — Natchitoches, La. Nov. 1999

'38—Elmo Tullos — Pineville, La. Dec. 6, 2000

'39—Myrtis R. Hargrove — Baton, Rouge, La. Oct. 22, 2000

'40—Felicia Chennault Stribling — Dec. 9, 1994

'41—Essie Dee Young Johnson — Beaumont, Texas. Dec. 7, 2000

'46—Louise Rinehart Brooks — West Monroe, La. Oct. 8, 2000

'47—Chester Smith — Rosepine, La.

'49—Milton McLanahan — Tulsa, Ok. Dec. 14, 2000

'50—Geneva Johnson Graham — Springhill, La.

'51—Hubert E. Belisle — Baton Rouse, La. Sept. 16, 2000

'51—Tommie H. Sylvester — Marshall, Texas May 17, 2000

'52—Barbara Jean Guynn — Lafayatte, La. Sept. 9, 2000

'53—Johnny P. Johnston — Benton, La. Aug. 27, 2000

'54—Bernadette Chatelain — Moreauville, La

'56—Burke Adam Brunet — Basile, LA. 2000

'56—Denise Chatelain — Moreauville,La

'57—Thurmon O. Trotti — Barkway, England. Aug. 31, 2000

'58—Theo W. Jones — Martin, La. Oct.27, 2000

'62—Clarene Prewitt Carson — Sulphur, La.

'64—Samuel Joesoph Odom — Mansfield, La. Jan. 18, 2001

'65—Carroll Jinks Coleman — Baton Rouge, La. Oct. 20, 2000

'86—Susan E. Feazel

'88—Dr. Kay W. Hickman Terry — Oct. 12, 2000

'88—Tom Woodward — 1999

Ms. Mattie Barron — Monroe, La.

Richard "Dick" Brown — Natchitoches, La.

Mr. Victoria V. Caponi — Deridder, La.

Eugene Christmas — Robeline, La. Jan. 12, 2001

Sylvia D'gerolamo — Harahan, La. Aug. 18, 2000

Feddie Goddman

Ella Howard Hamiter — Shreveport, La. Jan. 2, 2001

Bobby Joe King, Sr. — Shreveport, La. Nov. 12, 2000

J.D. Montgomery — Dec. 3, 2000

Sylvan Sibley — Natchitoches, La.

C.E. 'Pete" Tullos — Laurel, Miss. Dec. 2, 2000

Elmo "Buster" Tullos — Pinnville, La. Dec. 6, 2000

Bobby Ray McHalffey — Bossier City, La. Dec. 2000

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